

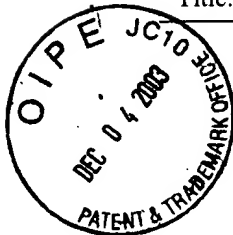
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

3732/B

Applicant: GRABOWSKI, ET AL.
Serial No.: 09/939,523
Filed: AUGUST 24, 2001
Confirmation No.: 2437

Examiner: UNKNOWN
Group Art Unit: 3732
Docket: 6683.64US01
Due Date: DECEMBER 2, 2003

Title: BONE FIXATION DEVICE



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Sir:

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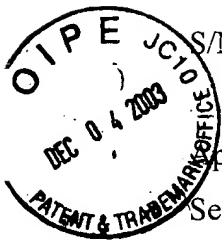
- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Request for Extension of Time for one month
- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement
- ☒ Return postcard
- ☒ **PLEASE CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-2725 TO COVER THE REQUIRED EXTENSION FEE FOR A LARGE ENTITY.**



Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on October 02, 2003. Applicants hereby elect the following species:

- with regards to the Species of plates: Applicants elect Figs. 1-4, 8 & 12;
- with regards to the Species of holes: Applicants elect Fig. 6;
- with regards to the Species of screws: Applicants elect Fig. 10;
- with regards to the Species of locking elements: Applicants elect Fig. 14 & 15; and
- with regards to the Species of locking apertures: Applicants elect Fig. 13 & 20.

Claims 1-8, 11-14, 16-22, 37, 38, and 40-42 read on the elected species.

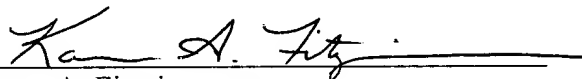
Examination on the merits is respectfully requested. The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney at 612.371.5340 with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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